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SYNCHRONIZATION OF MULTIPLE VIDEO OBJECT PLANES

RESPONSE UNDER EX PARTE QUAYLE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Ex Parte Quayle Action mailed on April 23, 2003, in which the two month shortened statutory period for responding runs to June 23, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 7 and 8, as follows:

[7. A method of encoding a local time base of an audio visual sequence in the compressed data comprising the steps of:

obtaining instances of the audio visual sequence by temporal sampling;

determining the local time base of the said instances to be encoded into compressed